

Jim Steinberger started his teaching career at Pleasant Hill, where he founded the Pleasant Hill Jazz Festival, one of the oldest and largest jazz festivals in the Northwest. After 17 years at Pleasant Hill he moved to South Eugene High School where he spent the final 21 years of his career. During the last 11 years of his career he taught at both South Eugene and Churchill High Schools.. Jim retired from public education in 2006, leaving a legacy of award-winning jazz and classical ensembles. He now spends his time directing the 80-voice Women's Choral Society of Eugene/Springfield, giving private voice lessons, guest directing and adjudicating, doing vocal/choral work for local musical productions, doing voice-overs for radio and television commercials, golfing and fishing. Jim is the father of three children, all with musical aspirations of their own. A native of Silverton, Oregon, Jim received both his Bachelor's and Master's degrees from the University of Oregon.